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Communications Networks

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as set forth below.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Revised Figures 1 and 2 are attached, with revisions marked in red ink.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 4, 9-15, and 23, without prejudice.

Amend the following claims:

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- 1 1. (Amended) A method of accounting for services provided over a packet-
 - 2 based network, comprising:
 - 3 determining a type of service used over the network;
 - 4 monitoring usage of the service; and
 - 5 collecting accounting information based on the type of service and usage
 - 6 of the service, wherein collecting the accounting information includes compiling the
 - 7 accounting information into an accounting unit,

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